1	EXECUTIVE SESSION ON
2	OMNIBUS BUDGET FOR SENATE COMMITTEES
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4	TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011
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7 8	United States Senate Committee on Rules and Administration
9	Washington, D.C
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L2	The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:10 a.m., in Room SR-301, Russell
L3	Senate Office Building, Hon. Charles F. Schumer, Chairman of the committee, presiding.
L 4	Present: Senators Schumer, Feinstein, Durbin, Nelson, Udall, Warner, Leahy,
L5	Alexander, Cochran, and Blunt.
L 6	Staff Present: Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Jennifer Griffith, Deputy Chief of
L7	Staff; Jason Abel, Chief Counsel; Sonia Gill, Counsel; Julia Richardson, Counsel; Lauryn
L8	Bruck, Professional Staff; Lynden Armstrong, Chief Clerk; Matthew McGowan,
L 9	Professional Staff; Jeff Johnson, Staff Assistant; Mary Suit Jones, Republican Staff
20	Director; Shaun Parkin, Republican Deputy Staff Director; Paul Vinovich, Republican
21	Chief Counsel; Michael Merrell, Republican Counsel; and Rachel Creviston, Republican
22	Professional Staff.
23	Chairman Schumer. The Rules Committee will come to order. The
24	Committee is meeting today to consider an original resolution, the Omnibus Committee
25	Funding Resolution, which will authorize expenditures by Senate Committees for 112th
26	Congress.

27	I am pleased to report all the Committees reported funding for resolutions
28	within the guidelines. The total authorization for individual Committees is
29	\$242,710,872, down from \$256,702,618. So it has dropped over \$10 million.
30	Under the joint leadership letter of February 3 which restored special reserves to
31	their historic purpose, Committees are no longer guaranteed access to special reserves
32	on request.
33	Since we have a quorum, is there any further debate on the original resolution
34	authorizing expenditures by the Committee of the Senate for the 112th Congress?
35	Senator Alexander. Mr. Chairman, I move its adoption.
36	Chairman Schumer. Any objection?
37	[No response.]
38	Chairman Schumer. All those in favor say aye.
39	[A chorus of ayes.]
40	Chairman Schumer. Opposed nay.
41	[No response.]
42	Chairman Schumer. The ayes have it. Without objection, the original
43	resolution is ordered reported. Since there is no further business, first let me thank al
44	the members for their very, very conscientious service and on-time arrival, and the
45	hearing is now adjourned.
46	[Whereupon, at 10:12 a.m., the Executive Session adjourned.]